

ReMCoWG Meeting Minutes

Date:	27 th April 2021	Time & Location	12:30 Conference Call
Chair:	Lindsay Sharpe – ReMCoDS		
Attendees:	Name	Location	
	Alice Mooney, Catherine Keane	ReMCoDS	
	Lisa Fahy, Niki Michael (Observers)	CRU	
	John Bracken, Siobhan Melvin, Catherine Leen	ESBN	
	Gemma McHale, Joan-Edel Smith, Kris Kennedy	NIE Networks	
	Simon Fox-Mella	Gemserv	
	Mark Phelan	Electric Ireland	
	Graham Hunter	Power NI	
	Eoin McGurk	BGE	
	Keith Donnelly	Naturgy	
	Aaron Currie	SSE Airtricity	
	Patricia Ventura	Community Power	
	Niall Kelly	Click Energy	
	Patricia Ventura	Iberdrola	
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Agenda:	
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5.	Retail Market Design Update
6.	De-harmonisation Update
7.	ESBN/NIE Networks Update
8.	CRU SMART Metering Update
9.	Next Steps & AOB

1. Introduction

L Sharpe enquired if everyone was happy to sign off and approve the Minutes of the last Working Group on 3rd March 2021.

All Agreed.

Minutes Approved.

2. ReMCoSG Meeting Feedback

L Sharpe presented the ReMCoSG Meeting Update.

There has been no ReMCoSG Meetings since the last ReMCoWG.

The next ReMCoSG Meeting is scheduled for 19th May 2021.

3. Actions – Previous ReMCoWG

L Sharpe provided the Action Items Update.

There are no open ReMCoWG Actions.

4. Actions – New ReMCoWG Actions

No new Actions were logged at this meeting.

5. Retail Market Design Update

L Sharpe provided the Retail Market Design Update.

DR1210 Test Webservice

L Sharpe reported that there was an IGG Conference Call held between the last ReMCoWG and this one. Therefore, she is bringing two DRs to this forum for retrospective classification as ROI specific.

L Sharpe sought retrospective classification for DR1210 as ROI specific.

DR1210 retrospectively classified as ROI Specific.

DR1212 – Cooling off Period for MCC Changes

L Sharpe sought retrospective classification for the DR1212 as ROI specific.

DR1212 retrospectively classified as ROI Specific.

Outages

- There are no outages scheduled for April/May as of yet.
- Full outage details are available, as usual, on the RMDS Website.

6. De-harmonisation Update

G McHale presented slides on system separation in Section 7 ESBN/NIE Networks Update.

7. ESBN/NIE Networks Update

K Kennedy & G McHale presented the ESBN/NIE Networks Update.

TIBCO Outages

K Kennedy presented slides on TIBCO Outages

Refer to slides for details.

K Kennedy reported that there was a reduction in the number of unplanned outages in February. In March they went back to levels seen towards the end of last year /beginning of this year. In March there were thirty-two unplanned Supplier outages. As detailed on the slide, there were a lot of one-off Supplier events. He reminded Suppliers to use the planned outage notification option.

On 1st April 2021 there was an issue with Market Messages being delayed. NIE Networks had some wider network issues within its infrastructure which impacted all of its systems. NIE Networks wishes to give reassurance that this has now been pinpointed and resolved and he doesn't expect this particular issue to reoccur.

Secure Meters DR Test

K Kennedy reported that NIE Networks is currently looking into scheduling a Secure Meters DR Test. At this moment in time, NIE Networks is pencilling in the first weekend of September for the test. If any MP has any particular issues with this weekend in September, they can contact NIE Networks on this matter.

System Separation Project Update

G McHale presented slides on System Separation Project Update.

Refer to slides for details.

G McHale gave an update on the activities on system separation that have been completed in the last period. ESBN/NIE Networks issued the EMMA Technical specification, Technical Questionnaire and high-level work plan to MPs. A number of the Technical Questionnaires have been returned and no major risks have been identified. The Webforms Look & Feel Overview has also been issued. The Assurance Approach for each jurisdiction has been reviewed by the relevant RA and they have been issued to MPs also. We are reaching the deadline of 30th April 2021 for MPs to have the new NI EMMA Infrastructure ready.

She highlighted key activities that are taking place between now and the end of June. ESBN/NIE Networks is planning to upgrade all of the test EMMAs and is progressing with the new NI test EMMA builds towards the end of June. ESBN/NIE Networks will engage with the Assurance Approach in relation to the self-assessment Questionnaire that will be issued to all MPs. The Assurance Bodies will forward the self-assessment Report to the RAs. On 21st June 2021 the IPT plan will be made available for the IPT Test phase. More information will issue to MPs on this.

The System Separation Assurance Approach was issued to MPs. The Indicative Test EMMA Upgrade and New EMMA Build schedule issued to MPs last Friday 23rd April 2021 and outlines a number of key activities that ESBN/NIE Networks is suggesting that Suppliers complete in advance of those dates. Atos will be in contact directly with Suppliers for the upgrades and/or the new EMMA builds. The Market Governance arrangements and documentation is currently under review for each jurisdiction. With the ReMCoWG, ESBN/NIE Networks and ReMCoDS need to ensure that both jurisdictions have the relevant documentation and governance arrangements after system separation takes place at the end of September. This work has commenced and ReMCoDS is reviewing the documentation and will provide updates to MPs on how this is progressing. The project plan is on track. ESBN/NIE Networks has concluded the SIT Test phase for the new NI Hub and the existing Hub is due to close out this week.

8. CRU Smart Metering Update

L Fahy provided a SMART Metering update.

- Deployment of Smart Meters recommenced in April for outdoor locations. It is moving to wider outdoor and indoor next week in May. This should have a positive impact on deployment.
- CRU is hoping to publish the Smart PAYG Consultation this week. The consultation will be out for a month.

9. Next Steps & AOB

No AOB was raised.

Next ReMCoWG:

- Wednesday 23rd June 2021 was due to be in Belfast but can safely assume that we will be holding the meeting virtually.

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Retail Market Coordination Design Service